

HITT GAINES & BOISBRUN, P.C.
Intellectual Property Law & Related Matters

FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

TO: Examiner Gary L. Laxton
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Group No. 2838

FAX NO. 703-305-7723

FROM: Stephanie Stafford
Secretary to Glenn W. Boisbrun

DATE: January 22, 2001

RE: U.S. Serial No. 09/450,934
Our File: ANDRES 1-3

PAGES: 1 (including cover page)

FAX COPY RECEIVED

JAN 22 2001

TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800

If you do not receive the indicated number of pages, please notify the sender at the telephone number shown below. Thank you.

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION IS AN ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGED, CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION INTENDED FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE INTENDED RECIPIENT NAMED ABOVE. IF YOU ARE NOT THE INTENDED RECIPIENT, OR ARE AN EMPLOYEE OR AGENT RESPONSIBLE FOR DELIVERING THIS TRANSMISSION TO THE INTENDED RECIPIENT, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT ANY DISSEMINATION, DISTRIBUTION OR COPYING OF THIS TRANSMISSION IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS TRANSMISSION IN ERROR, PLEASE NOTIFY THE SENDER IMMEDIATELY AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER SHOWN ABOVE AND MAIL THE ORIGINAL TRANSMISSION TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS. WE WILL REIMBURSE YOU FOR ANY REASONABLE EXPENSE YOU MAY INCUR DOING SO. THANK YOU.

MESSAGE:

In response to your phone call of 01/18/01 regarding the above-identified patent application, I have now verified that both sides of the postcard were faxed to you on that date. The postcard does not reflect that it was stamped by the PTO. I personally believe someone at the PTO that handled the mail made an error, as the postcard was not stamped by the PTO, nor did you receive the Election of Claims that the client mailed on 06/20/00, however, the postcard receipt that was sent along with the Election of Claims was returned to the client, as it has their own stamp on it reflecting that they received it back from the PTO on 06/28/00.